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CLAIMS

[1] (amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

5 a positive electrode (1) including a positive
electrode active material layer;

a negative electrode (2) including a negative
electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and

10 a conductive material, contained in said positive
electrode active material layer, containing carbon black
having a specific surface area of at least $1 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and less
than $800 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and a nitride having particles of at least
 $0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ and not more than $5 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ in average particle diameter
easily dispersed into said positive electrode active
15 material layer.

[2] (deleted)

[3] (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according
20 to claim 1, wherein said nitride includes a metal nitride.

[4] The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim
3, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride
(ZrN or Zr_3N_2).

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[5] (deleted)

[6] (amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

5 a positive electrode (1) including a positive
electrode active material layer;

a negative electrode (2) including a negative
electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and

10 a conductive material, contained in said positive
electrode active material layer, containing carbon black
and a nitride having particles of at least 0.2 μm and not
more than 5 μm in average particle diameter easily
dispersed into said positive electrode active material
layer.

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[7] (deleted)

[8] (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according
to claim 6, wherein said nitride includes a metal nitride.

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[9] The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim
8, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride
(ZrN or Zr_3N_2).

25 [10] (amended) The nonaqueous electrolyte battery

according to claim 6, wherein said carbon black has a specific surface area of at least 1 m²/g and less than 800 m²/g.

5 [11] A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

a positive electrode (1) including a positive electrode active material layer;

a negative electrode (2) including a negative electrode active material layer;

10 a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and

a conductive material, contained in said positive electrode active material layer, containing carbon black having a specific surface area of at least 1 m²/g and less than 800 m²/g and zirconium nitride (ZrN or Zr₃N₂) having
15 particles of at least 0.2 μm and not more than 5 μm in average particle diameter easily dispersed into said positive electrode active material layer.